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The following papers relative to the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition of the Punjab, North-West Frontier Province and Kashmir, to be held at Lahore in November 1909 are hereby published for general information.

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THE INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION OF THE PUNJAB, NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE & KASHMIR, 1909.

The Indian Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition will be held this year at Lahore in the month of November.

The Indian Industrial Exhibitions held since 1901 have served greatly to popularise and encourage the Indian arts and industries, and their usefulness has been recognised by all sections of the Press and the public.

The first of these Exhibitions was organised and held at Calcutta in December 1901, and similar Exhibitions have since then been held at Ahmedabad in 1902, at Madras in 1903, at Bombay in 1904, at Benares in 1905, at Calcutta in 1906, and at Nagpur in 1907-08.

The management and organisation of the Exhibition have, since its inception, been entrusted to Committees fully representative of all sections of the public. The same practice has been followed in the Punjab, and a Committee which is fully representative of all classes, officials as well as non-officials, Europeans, Hindus, Sikhs and Muhammadans has been appointed. An Executive Committee has also been formed to carry out, under the general supervision of the General Committee, the various arrangements connected with the Exhibition. Both these Committees have power to add to their number. The Executive Committee has appointed Sub-Committees to look after the several branches into which the work connected with the Exhibition has been divided.

The Government of the Punjab, fully recognising the industrial and educational value of such Exhibitions, has very kindly agreed not only to give special facilities for the exhibition of all such articles by its Agricultural, Art, Forest, Sanitary and other Departments as may prove useful or instructive to the public, but also to help in several other ways the organisation of the Exhibition. His Honour Sir Louis Dane, whose keen solicitude to promote the industrial and agricultural development of the country is well-known, and who as Resident in Kashmir substantially furthered the development of the material resources of that State, has been pleased to become a patron of the Exhibition. The Hon'ble Sir George Ross-Keppel has also been pleased to become a patron and has extended the help and co-operation of his Administration to the scheme.

The last Exhibition held in the Punjab was in 1893. It was, however, confined to the products of industrial arts and manufactures belonging to the Punjab, and did not include agriculture and agricultural machinery. Of the Exhibition now to be held the agricultural section is intended to form one of the most prominent branches. The agricultural possibilities of this Province are immense, and during the past five years the Government Department of Agriculture has done a good deal to improve agriculture on scientific lines, by making available a considerable amount of instructive and useful information regarding seeds, the diseases of crops, various kinds of manures, and the use of modern implements and machinery for economising labour and increasing production. In the development of commerce and industry, Punjab has advanced with rapid strides during the past 18 years. The Capital invested in industrial, banking and other commercial concerns that have come into existence in the Punjab during this period amounts to several crores of rupees.

Although the scope of the Exhibition is confined largely to articles of indigenous growth and manufacture, arrangements are being made for the Exhibition of machinery and appliances of foreign manufacture which are likely to help and develop Indian Industries.

Facilities will be afforded to the exhibitors to keep stocks of their exhibits for ready sale.

Copies of the Rules and Regulations relating to the Exhibition and of a synopsis of classification of exhibits are attached.

The Committee feel that an undertaking of this nature can only succeed with the active co-operation of all sections of the people, and they hope that all will join hands to make the Exhibition a success and in every way worthy of the Punjab and its Capital. The Committee